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Governor selects new Correction commissioner

MICHIGAN CITY, Indiana (June 26, 2008) – Governor Mitch Daniels today named the superintendent of the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City as the new Department of Correction Commissioner. LaPorte native Edwin Buss will succeed Dave Donahue, who has resigned effective August 1.

“I earnestly hoped this vacancy would never occur, but as you’d expect from Dave Donahue’s phenomenal performance, we had a new commissioner in the waiting,” said Daniels.

Buss, 42, has been superintendent of the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City since 2005. He was the superintendent at the Westville Correctional Facility from 2002-2005, where he improved the operations of the state’s largest prison.

“There are greater expectations today in the Department of Correction than I’ve experienced in my 21 years. It gives you a sense of pride when you meet those expectations,” said Buss, who said he will continue efforts to improve recidivism rates in the department and expand community collaborations.

Buss began his career as a correctional officer at the Indiana State Prison in 1987 and by 1994 at the Lakeside Correctional Facility in Michigan City had been promoted to the highest rank for a uniformed officer. He joined the administrative ranks in 1997 when he was named a correctional unit team manager, responsible for three housing units and 1,850 inmates at the Indiana State Prison, then served as assistant superintendent of operations/programs from 1998 to 2001.

The new commissioner is a veteran having served in the Army in the mid-1980s. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Bethel University in Mishawaka. He was the Department of Correction’s Superintendent of the Year in 2005 and is an auditor for the American Correctional Association.

He will begin his post concurrent with Donahue’s departure.

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